

**ABSTRACT**

An occupant protection device for a motor vehicle occupant. The device includes an airbag arranged on a motor vehicle body in the region of a lateral roof edge of a motor vehicle, the airbag being configured to deploy downwards during inflation so that the inflated airbag extends in front of at least one side window of the motor vehicle; and a guide extending longitudinally and being connected to the lower edge of the airbag. The guide is movably guided on the motor vehicle body in the direction of deployment of the airbag.